

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: **Wilfried BIEN, et al.**

Examiner: **Mark H. PASCHALL**

Application. No.: **10/590,534**

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For: **METHOD FOR CONNECTING A SHEET METAL COMPONENT SUCH AS A PIPE, TO A CAST METAL COMPONENT, SUCH AS A HOUSING PORT, IN PARTICULAR FOR AN EXHAUST SYSTEM**

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**AMENDMENT B**

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Sir:

Responsive to the final Office action dated February 2, 2011, the period for response extended by a Petition for One Month Extension filed herewith, Applicants submit herewith the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.